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SUBJECT: COSTA RICA, COLOMBIA, AND CANAL NEUTRALITY

1. PRO-GOVERNMENT EXCELSIOR FEBRUARY 17 IN LONG, POSITIVE EDITORIAL ON CANAL NEGOTIATIONS AND U.S. MOTIVATIONS THEREIN, MADE FOLLOWING POINT ABOUT A POSSIBLE COSTA RICAN ROLE IN FUTURE "NEUTRALITY" OF PANAMA CANAL. QUOTE: IT SEEMS THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT POINT THAT REMAINS TO BE RESOLVED BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND PANAMA IS THE GUARANTEE OF THE CANAL'S NEUTRALITY, WHICH THE U.S. -- AND NOT WITHOUT REASON -- DOES NOT WANT TO PLACE IN THE HANDS OF ANY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION. IT IS SAID THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN AGREEMENT COULD BE THAT THE COUNTRIES GUARANTYING THIS NEUTRALITY WOULD BE THE TWO IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORS OF PANAMA, THAT IS, COLOMBIA AND COSTA RICA. END QUOTE

2. THIS SUBJECT WAS ALSO RAISED BY FONMIN FACIO WITH CHARGE AND VICE COMMANDER OF SOUTHCOM, GENERAL BREEDLOVE, ON FEBRUARY 11. FACIO STATED THAT HE HAD TOLD GENERAL TORRIJOS THAT THERE IS NO WAY U.S. CAN ACCEPT UN AS GUARANTOR OF CANAL NEUTRALITY IN VIEW OF THE IDOLOGICAL MAKE-UP AND LINE-UP OF THE SOC-CALLED "NON-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALIGNED" BLOC. HE ADDED, WITHOUT SPECIFYING, THAT "SOME OTHER WAY" HAS TO BE FOUND.

3. COMMENT: EXCELSIOR'S EDITORIAL IS PURE FACIO; HE MAY EVEN HAVE WRITTEN IT (HE WRITES EXCELSIOR EDITORIALS FROM TIME TO TIME). IN VIEW OF ODUBER'S AND FACIO'S ONGOING POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON TORRIJOS ON CANAMAL MATTERS, AND THEIR GENUINE DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL

TO BOTH PARTIES, IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT COSTA RICA MAY BE
THINKING AHEAD ABOUT SOME SORT OF ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE
"NEUTRALITY" QUESTION. THIS FOLLOWS NATURALLY FROM THEIR VIEW OF
COSTA RICA'S ROLE IN LATIN AMERICA -- TO SAY NOTHING OF FACIO'S.
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